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For : METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS  
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE  
WITH RAGE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 10, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a March 10, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 10, 2003 Office Action is due June 10, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and 29 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a future application.

Please amend claims 1, 24 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for determining whether a compound